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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/11/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/04/03
BRO-FRY	165,389	162,670
LT HENS	1,376	1,453
HVY HENS	1,493	1,497

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	266	0	266
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	302	8	310
SAME WEEK YR AGO	318	4	322
TO-DATE/2003	9,487	137	9,624
TO-DATE/2002	12,452	254	12,706

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,612	1,444	3,056
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,582	1,619	3,201
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,210	1,626	3,836
TO-DATE/2003	68,540	56,239	124,779
TO-DATE/2002	82,695	56,338	139,033

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790
AVG WT	4.99	3.56	8.10	5.91
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	160,024	1,280	1,611	2,891
SAME WK YR AGO	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514
AVG WT	5.11	3.64	7.94	5.62
TO-DATE/2003	6,141,524	59,053	56,102	115,155
TO-DATE/2002	6,216,995	70,243	56,084	126,327

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.2 million head or 1.3 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	18,785	26,724	33,161
Avg Weight	3.60	4.56	6.04
% of total /1	24%	34%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,812	29,830	51,708
Avg Weight	3.82	4.79	6.14
% of total /1	23%	28%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,768	25,056	43,101
Avg Weight	3.88	4.85	6.10
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
To date/2003	909,669	927,398	1,747,000
To date/2002	1,023,048	871,000	1,623,501

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
AVG WT	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19	26.58
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,044	2,877	48	12	4,981
SAME WK YR AGO	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71	27.03
TO-DATE/2003	74,602	108,511	2,489	553	186,155
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344	185,322

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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